

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 3790

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, EC  
SUBJECT: ECUADOREAN INTEREST IN T-33 AND T-38 AIRCRAFT

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED AN INFORMAL REQUEST FROM THE ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE (FAE) FOR PRICE AND AVAILABILITY INFORMATION ON 6 T-33 AND 6 T-38 AIRCRAFT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT VIRTUALLY ALL T-33'S ARE IN MOTHBALLS AND THAT T-38'S ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY WITHIN THE USAF, AND HAVE SO INFORMED THE FAE. NONETHELESS, THE FAE WOULD LIKE AN INDICATION OF POSSIBLE AVAILABILITY AND PRICE FOR BOTH AIRCRAFT.

2. THE FAE PRESENTLY HAS EIGHT NON-OPERATIONAL T-33S WHICH IT IS CONSIDERING OVERHAULING AND RETURNING TO FLYING STATUS. IT WOULD MUCH PREFER TO REPLACE THOSE AIRCRAFT WITH OPERABLE T-33'S FROM THE US. T-38'S WOULD PERMIT THE FAE TO IMPLEMENT ITS OWN ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM (THEY PRESENTLY PURCHASE SUCH TRAINING FROM THE US, WITH THE VALUE OF CONTRACTED AND PLANNED TRAINING APPROACHING \$500,000).

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS ADVICE ON P&A FOR THESE AIRCRAFT. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER SUCH A SALE WOULD CONSTITUTE A SALE OF SIGNIFICANT MILITARY EQUIPMENT. IF DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD, EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO SUBMIT INFORMATION  
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